GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5142
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEWA YOJANA
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana undertaken to overcome the problem of non-availability of manpower has been functioning satisfactorily;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have enhanced the remunerations of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras agents recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the target of Ninth plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the first four years of the Ninth Five -Year Plan 2716 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras were opened. Circle-wise breakup is given in Annexure-I.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The remuneration of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra agent was enhanced from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 600/- per month with effect from 1.3.2001.

(e) Plan Year 2001-2002, being the last year of the Ninth Five - Year Plan, a target of opening 2000 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras in the country has been fixed. Circle-wise breakup of targets for opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras is given in Annexure-II. Heads of Circles have been directed to seek the co-operation of the State Governments in this regard.

ANNEXURE-I

Circlewise number of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras opened during the years 97-98 to 2000-2001

S.No.	Circles	Number of PSSKs			
		97-98	98-99	99-2000	2000-01
1	ANDHRA	nil	31	30	60
2	ASSAM	nil	nil	5	21
3	BIHAR	nil	17	40	464
4	CHHATISGARH	Not applicable			106
5	DELHI	nil	nil	nil	nil
6	GUJARAT	nil	20	38	68
7	HARYANA	nil	nil	10	69
8	HIMACHAL	nil	nil	10	50
9	J & K	nil	nil	nil	12
10	JHARKHAND	Not applicable			106
11	KARNATAKA	nil	10	14	20
12	KERALA	nil	nil	nil	nil
13	M.P.	nil	55	80	221
14	MAHRASHTRA	nil	10	62	150
15	NORTH EAST	nil	nil	5	47
16	ORISSA	1	29	30	76
17	PUNJAB	nil	5	20	44
18	RAJASTHAN	nil	nil	35	77
19	TAMIL NADU	nil	12	30	80
20	U.P.	nil	30	67	284
21	UTTRANCHAL	Not applicable			44

22 W.BENGAL nil 5 10 6

TOTAL 1 224 486 2005

ANNEXURE-II

Targets for opening of PSSKs for the Plan Year 2001-2002

S.No	Circle	OPENING OF PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEWA KENDRAS (PSSKs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	30
2	Assam	135
3	Bihar	470
4	Chattisgarh	75
5	Delhi	-
6	Gujarat	90
7	Haryana	70
8	Himachal	50
9	J & K	12
10	Jharkhand	85
11	Karnataka	35
12	Kerala	-
13	M.P.	155
14	Maharashtra	200
15	North East	100
16	Orissa	35
17	Punjab	65
18	Rajasthan	75
19	Tamil Nadu	80
20	Uttar Pradesh	170
21	Uttaranchal	43
22	West Bengal	25
Total		2000